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officer experienced in the laboratory and field work of plague eradication, has been placed in immediate charge. Officers have been detailed for plague duty in Porto Rico, and additional officers are on their way to San Juan.

The work being carried on includes the limitation of the disease to the island of the old city of San Juan. Measures are being taken to prevent the escape of rats across the bridges and also to prevent the possibility of their gaining access to vessels. The city has been divided into districts, and the houses in the infected territory are inspected daily. Infected houses are surrounded by rat-proof fences and then disinfected and freed from rats or destroyed. Special attention is being paid to the care and collection of garbage and other material which may serve as rat food. Steps are being taken toward the rat proofing of the entire water front. Trapping and poisoning of rats is being done. Special attention is being given to the laboratory examination of rats caught in parts of the city not known to be infected, in order to outline definitely the infected areas.

All the human cases with the exception of 8 have occurred in the old part of San Juan. Of the 8 occurring outside of the old city, 5 were in Santurce, a suburb of San Juan; 2 at Carolina, a town about 15 miles away, and 1 occurred at Arroyo, on a small schooner from San Juan. Of 4 rats caught in one of the houses at Santurce, in which a plague case occurred, 2 were found to be plague infected.

To prevent the further spread of the disease vessels clearing for other ports in United States territory have been made subject to the restrictions contained in paragraphs 35 to 40, inclusive, of the Quarantine Regulations promulgated October 20, 1910. This outgoing quarantine is being maintained with the assistance of the revenue cutter *Algonquin*.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Creel reports July 2: Two cases plague in Santurce July 1. Total to date: San Juan, 21 cases, 13 deaths; Santurce, 5 cases, 2 deaths; Carolina, 2 cases, 2 deaths.

RUSSIA.

Typhus Fever.

Consul General Snodgrass at Moscow reports the occurrence of 27 cases of typhus fever with 4 deaths at Moscow during the two weeks ended May 18, 1912.

Cholera in Astrakhan.

A fatal case of cholera was reported in the city of Astrakhan June 11.